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In re Application of:

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
PERFORMING AUTOFOCUSING  
IN A MICROSCOPE

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated February 13, 2002, the statutory three-month period for response extending through May 13, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, replace the paragraph starting at line 3 with the following paragraph:

In a further respect, the invention is directed toward a system for automatically focusing an image in a microscope. The system includes an imaging system for creating an image of an object plane using an illumination light beam of a first wavelength, and an autofocusing detection system. The autofocusing detection system

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